



CITY OF GLOUCESTER

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY April 16th, 2014 - 7:00 PM
City Hall, Kyrouz Auditorium
Robert Gulla Chair

Members Present: Robert Gulla, Chair, Ann Jo Jackson, Co- Chair, Charles Anderson, Barry Gradwohl, Helene Shaw-Kwasie, John Feener, Robert Sherman

Staff: Stacy Carpenter, Assistant Conservation Agent, Pauline Doody, Recording Clerk

I. 1-5 minutes, review of amended, updated or final information, status reviews, modifications, signing decisions etc.

#28-2331: 1 & 3 Rackliffe Street to review letter from structural engineer

Ms. Carpenter informed the commission that the applicant has requested a continuance to May 7th to have time to respond to DEP's comments.

Motion: To continue the application for #28-2331, 1 & 3 Rackliffe Street to May 7, 2014

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: John Feener

Vote: Approved 7-0

Emergency Certification: 474 Washington St. Partially collapsed seawall

Ms. Carpenter reported to the commission that a section of the seawall has fallen into the river. All work will be done. An NOI has been filed.

Mr. Feener requested that a planting bed on the other side of the seawall be established for stabilization.

Motion: To approve the emergency certification for the repair of the seawall at 474 Washington St.

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Helene Shaw- Kwasie

Vote: Approved 7-0

II. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

III Block 1*

1.) NEW NOI: 65 Farrington Avenue: Submitted by Philip Swink (Represented by Gateway Consulting) for the for the removal of a driveway and walkway, modification and expansion of an existing house, construction of a garage, terrace and placement of a new driveway (a portion of which is in the buffer zone) (Map 134 Lot 37)

Presenter: John Judd, Gateway Consultants

Mr. Judd explained to the board that the existing asphalt driveway will be removed and replaced with a pea-stone driveway. The patio and deck are essentially in the same location. A sewer connection will be made. A rain-garden will be installed to capture runoff. The entire roofline will go into the rain-garden. There will be a patio wall 61 feet to the resource area. The city engineer has approved the project. The impervious area is equal to the existing and proposed conditions.

Commission Comments:

Ms. Carpenter stated she had no issues.

Public Comment: None

Conditions:

- 12.5 inch wide x 12 inch deep stone barrier outside terraced area
- Blue stone (no stone dust to be used)
- Planting plan to include the removal of fragmites on southerly side to replace the crushed stone if desired

Motion: To approve 65 Farrington Avenue for the for the removal of a driveway and walkway, modification and expansion of an existing house, construction of a garage, terrace and placement of a new driveway (a portion of which is in the buffer zone) (Map 134 Lot 37)

1st: John Feener

2nd: Helene Shaw- Kwasi

Vote: Approved 7-0

2.) NEW RDA: 12 Ledge Road: Submitted by Joseph Butler III (Represented by Self) for the modification of an existing driveway footprint. (Map 18 Lot 4)

Presenter: Joseph Butler, 12 Ledge Road

Mr. Butler explained to the commission that the asphalt is in bad repair. The project includes digging it up and replacing with a pea-stone drive. It will be essentially in the same footprint of the existing driveway.

Commission Comments;

Mr. Gulla informed Mr. Butler that the asphalt must be trucked offsite and not stockpiled onsite. Mr. Gulla raised concern of the pea-stone migrating.

Mr. Feener suggested installing a culvert.

Mr. Butler stated the driveway drains now so migration will not be an issue. The grade is not changing. If the contractor suggests that I need drainage then I will install it.

Mr. Gulla suggested that within the new driveway every 20 feet or so have a strip of crushed stone for drainage.

Public Comment: None

Conditions:

- No Stockpiling onsite
- Driveway design to include areas for water to migrate. Peastone to be within the first 20 feet from Ledge Road.
- Landscaping areas to be created via removal of driveway and creation of new sloped terraced area

Motion: Negative determination for the project at 12 Ledge Road for the modification of an existing driveway footprint. (Map 18 Lot 4)

1st: John Feener

2nd: Ann Jo Jackson

Vote: Approved 7-0

3.) Continued NOI: 21 Bayle Lane: Submitted by Angela Ciampa (Represented by DeRosa Environmental) for the construction of a boardwalk. (Map 257, Lot 10)

Motion: To continue the project at 21 Bayle Lane for the construction of a boardwalk. (Map 257, Lot 10) to May 7th

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 7-0

4.) Continued NOI: Fort Point Infrastructure: Submitted by City of Gloucester (Represented by AECOM) for the replacement of sewer, water and drainage within the confines of Commercial Street. (Map 1,2,7 Lot Roadways.. 1-33, 1-73, 7-16).

Presenter: Gregg Cademartori, Planning Director

Mr. Cademartori stated he worked with Ms. Press to secure third party review for this project as requested. Bill Ross of NE Civil Engineering was hired. Over the course of the last month there have been supplemental submissions from AECOM. AECOM will present how they augmented the original NOI.

Bill Ross, New England Civil Engineering.

Mr. Gulla asked Mr. Ross what his biggest concerns/questions were to AECOM.

Mr. Ross stated his main concern was not having enough numbers to understand what the report was saying. AECOM repackaged the information to show that the post run off was less than the pre run off as the project as a whole. Each outfall that remains improves the existing conditions as a redevelopment project. Based on the analysis there was not adequate treatment for the Pavilion Beach outfall. To improve on that, in addition to the deep sump catch basins, proprietary treatment devices were added upstream of the outfall that will collect runoff from the new areas to the beach.

Scour and Erosion of Pavilion Beach: -once numbers were received from AECOM, the total flow could be calculated. It has been determined that the conditions will be improved at the outfall.

Alberto Angles,, Jr. AECOM 701 Edgewater Drive Wakefield, MA.

Mr. Angles reviewed the modifications of the plan with the commission.

Mr. Gulla asked how the water quality will be improved.

Mr. Angles explained that the installation of a proprietary separators will take out solids, floatables etc. They will also collect additional drainage that will go to the Pavilion Beach outfall. The overall outfall was reduced by the reduction of the area.

Mr. Gulla asked if there was back flow prevention in the case of astronomical tides and/or a Nor'easter.

Mr. Angles stated that there is a duct flow check valve at St. Peters Square and another at Mortillarro Lobster. There is not a valve at Pavilion Beach because it could get buried in sand and stuck shut.

Mr. Gradwohl raised concern about the eelgrass beds off Pavilion Beach.

Mr. Angles stated the riprap will dispense the velocity at the outfall and should not affect the eel grass beds which are out 100 feet. The dissipated energy will make the outfall cleaner than it is now.

Public Comment:

Peter Parson 37 Washington St

Mr. Parsons stated his confusion over the lack of mention of the new FEMA maps that should be considered in the construction of the site and have not been.

Mr. Gulla stated the new FEMA maps have not been adopted yet.

Motion: To approve the Fort Point Infrastructure for the replacement of sewer, water and drainage within the confines of Commercial Street. (Map 1,2,7 Lot Roadways.. 1-33, 1-73, 7-16).

1st: Helene Shaw-Kwasie

2nd: Robert Sherman

Vote: 6-0 with Ms. Jackson abstaining.

VII. AS TIME PERMITS: COMMISSION BUSINESS

AGENT'S REPORT ON VIOLATIONS

Brad Smith, Patrons Museum: cutting vegetation in a wetland resource.

Ms. Carpenter informed the commission that a Cease and Desist has been issued. The commission supported the order.

Joe Orange: dumping of animal feed into a wetland resource.

Ms. Carpenter stated the location for the dumping is 30 Emerson Ave. A Cease and Desist order has been issued. The commission supported the order. The Board of Health is also aware of the violation.

VII. CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

28-2306: 83 Eastern Point Road

Motion: To approve the Certificate of Compliance at 83 Eastern Point Road

1st: Robert Sherman

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 7-0

35 Niles

Mr. Gulla reported that he visited the site at 35 Niles. The vegetation removal of invasives is going well. He stated that the other side of the site holds a wetland. He informed the applicant that the work could continue what they are now, but the work could not continue on the other side other of the road.

Letter: Dr. French 462 Essex Ave

Mr. Feener reported that 1 year ago an RDA was filed to do pruning in the back parking lot. **??? COULD NOT HEAR JOHN AT ALL.**

Mr. Gulla stated he does not the applicant. He has had many violations prior to this one. All communication should be done directly through the owner.

Motion: Negative Determination for 462 Essex Ave.

Conditions:

- Designated pathway established-One path access
- Letter with description of work done
- One time pruning only

1st: Barry Bradwohl

2nd: Charles Anderson

Vote: Approved 7-0

Mr. Sherman stated concern over work being done at 97 Leonard St. The work has altered a wetland. The owner is not just doing landscaping, but filling in a stream. He stated he had told Ms. Press, but she had said it was not jurisdictional.

Ms. Carpenter informed the commission that paperwork for an RDA was submitted last week.

Mr. Gulla requested that Ms. Carpenter do a site visit of the site.

Mr. Feener reported that wood is being dumped near the compost facility. It is next to a resource.

Mr. Gulla requested that Ms. Carpenter speak to Gregg Cademartori or Mike Hale.

Mr. Feener also reported that a large beaver dam is located nearby and could cause problems. It is on conservation property.

Ms. Jackson stated that the Conservation Commssion should have been involved with the Dog Leash issue being discussed in the city.

Mr. Gradwohl stated concern that the commission has not seen the financial records for this year yet. He stated it is a requirement that must be met.

Motion: To adjourn

1st: Ann Jo Jackson

2nd: Helene Shaw- Kwasie

Vote: Approved 7-0